

I CLAIM:

1. An emergency roof detachment device for a vehicle comprising, in combination:

a detachable roof portion having a front end and a back end and dimensioned to be detachably coupled to a fixed top portion of a vehicle, said front end of said detachable roof portion being detachably coupled to said fixed top portion of said vehicle proximate a top portion of a front windshield and said back end of said detachable roof portion being detachably coupled to said fixed top portion of said vehicle proximate a top portion of a rear windshield; and

a handle coupled to an interior portion of said vehicle and dimensioned to initiate detachment of said detachable roof portion from said fixed top portion of said vehicle.

2. The emergency roof detachment device of Claim 1 wherein said handle comprises a quick-release mechanism.

3. The emergency roof detachment device of Claim 1 wherein said detachable roof portion being substantially rectangular-shaped.

4. The emergency roof detachment device of Claim 1 wherein said handle comprises a gripping portion dimensioned to be gripped by a person and a coupling member dimensioned to couple said detachable roof portion to said fixed top portion of said vehicle.

5. The emergency roof detachment device of Claim 4 wherein said coupling member comprises a jaw-type member dimensioned to engage a corresponding indentation in said fixed top portion of said vehicle.

6. The emergency roof detachment device of Claim 1 further comprising a plurality of prong members coupled to said detachable roof portion and dimensioned to engage corresponding recessed portions of said fixed top portion of said vehicle.

7. The emergency roof detachment device of Claim 6 wherein said prongs protrude out of said back end of said detachable roof portion and are dimensioned to mate with corresponding recessed portions of a back portion of said fixed top portion of said vehicle.

8. A method for exiting a vehicle comprising, in combination, the steps of:

providing a detachable roof portion dimensioned to be detachably coupled to a fixed top portion of a vehicle, said front end of said detachable roof portion being detachably coupled to said fixed top portion of said vehicle proximate a top portion of a front windshield and said back end of said detachable roof portion being detachably coupled to said fixed top portion of said vehicle proximate a top portion of a rear windshield;

providing a handle coupled to an interior portion of said vehicle and dimensioned to initiate detachment of said detachable roof portion from said fixed top portion of said vehicle; and

initiating detachment of said detachable roof portion from said fixed top portion; and

a person exiting said vehicle.

9. The method of Claim 8 wherein said handle has a quick-release mechanism.

10. The method of Claim 8 wherein said detachable roof portion being substantially rectangular-shaped.

11. The method of Claim 8 wherein said handle has a gripping portion dimensioned to be gripped by a person and an attachment member dimensioned to couple said detachable roof portion to said fixed top portion of said vehicle.

12. The method of Claim 11 wherein said attachment member comprises a jaw-type attachment member dimensioned to engage a corresponding indentation in said fixed top portion of said vehicle.

13. The method of Claim 8 further comprising, in combination, the steps of:

providing a plurality of prong members coupled to said detachable roof portion; and

engaging said plurality of prong members with corresponding recessed portions of said fixed top portion of said vehicle.

14. The method of Claim 13 wherein said prongs protrude out of a back portion of said detachable roof portion and are dimensioned to mate with corresponding recessed portions of a back portion of said fixed top portion of said vehicle.